GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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TAXES CHARGED BY THE PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the private airlines in the country have included various charges viz.Passenger Service Fee,Fuel Surcharge, etc. under`Taxes`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether those items shown as `Taxes` has been deposited properly with the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e)if not, whether the Government has issued any instructions to the airlines to clarify their fare and tax structures; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) At present, air fare charged by the private scheduled domestic airlines comprise basic fare, fuel surcharge, congestion surcharge, passenger service fee and transaction fee (if the ticket is booked through any point of purchase other than the website). Out of the aforesaid charges, only passenger service fee is the component which is collected by the Airlines on behalf of the airport operators.

(c),(d),(e) & (f) Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had sought clarification from the private scheduled airlines regarding tax components being charged by them and confirmation whether all the taxes shown cn their respective websites are deposited with the Government.

The airlines responded that they have made changes in their web site to indicate correct position of the breakup of the various charges in the ticket.